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I believe the Microsoft's proposed settlement is a total sham. They were found guilty of being a monopolist, and should be punished. Allowing them to give \$500M worth of software, and almost zero cost to themselves, to schools is just allowing them to further expand their monopoly into one of the few areas where there is some "Alternative OS" influence. Also, everying possible must be done to protect the public interest by promoting open source software and the developers, like myself, who contribute to and use software developed in that manner.

In order to give competing companies and products a fighting chance, Microsoft should be forced to publish a full list of all windows APIs and transfer protocols so that other companies can, at the very least, build software that can integrate with Microsoft operating systems.

The way MS does business hurts all computer users. Diversity is good.

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